Allocation for Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme

1086. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the budget allocation made under the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme for the year 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): An amount of Rs. 60.00 crores has been allocated under the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme for the year 1992-93 .

Import of Cotton

1087. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of announcements made during the last one year by him/his Ministry in regard to import of cotton;

(b) what is the amount of cotton that has been imported during this year;

(c) what is the landed price thereof;

(d) what are the names of importers of cotton; and

(e) what were the contracts made for import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (e) Keeping in view the demands of the handloom sector, Government decided in April, 1992 to allow import of upto 2 lakh bales of cotton free of import duty exclusively for the handloom sector under an arrangement for supply of hank yarn by spinning mills to the designated handloom agencies. However, no import of cotton has taken place so far under this arrangement due to subsequent changes in the domestic and international price situation.

गुजरात में रियायती दरों पर सूत की आपूर्ति

1088. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या **वस्त्र** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार की गुजरात में बुनकरों को रियायती दरों पर सूत दिए जाने की कोई योजना है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात के बुनकरों को कितनी मात्रा में कच्चा माल उपलब्ध करवाया गया है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अशोक गहलोत) (क) और (ख) यद्यपि सरकार बुनकरों को रियायती मूल्यों पर सूत की आपूर्ति नहीं करती है लेकिन चालू वर्ष के दौरान कार्यान्वयन के लिए अभी हाल ही में हथकरघा बुनकरों को मिल रेट मूल्यों पर सूत की आपूर्ति की एक योजना घोषित की गई है । इस योजना के अंतर्गत राष्ट्रीय हथकरघा विकास निगम सभी राज्यों जिसमें गुजरात भी शामिल है, के पात्र हथकरघा अभिकरणों को 10.00 मिलियन किलो ग्राम सूत की आपूर्ति करेगा ।

(ग) चूंकि वस्त्र उद्योग में प्रयोग होने वाला कच्चा माल पूरे देश में बेचा जाता है और इसका व्यापार और उपभोग अधिकांशत: प्राइवेट क्षेत्रों में है अत: गुजरात के बुनकरों को सप्लाई किए गए कच्चे माल की मात्रा का पता लगाना संभव नहीं है ।

Per Capita Consumption of Fabric

1089. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Miniter of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the per capita consumption of fabric in 1980 and 1990;

(b) what was the average price paid by the consumers for a metre of cloth during these years separately;

(c) details of reductions made in the excise duty on cotton textiles during the last five years;

(d) whether these reduction have been passed on to the consumers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The estimated per capita consumption of Textiles in 1980 and 1989 was 13.43 mtrs. and 15.07 mtrs. respectively. Data for 1990 is not avalable.

(b) Average price of fabrics was:—

(Rs./Mtrs.)

Year	Cotton	Non-Cotton	Blended/ Mixed
1980	7·78	28·64	29·46
1989	13·81	50·36	37·79

Data for 1990 is not available.

(c) No excise duty concessions were given to Cotton Textiles during the last five years.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Impact of New Economic Policy on handloom weavers' employment

1090. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 3.5 million handloom weavers will be left totally unemployed with the implementation of new economic policy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that increase in yarn exports has led to sharp rise in the prices of cotton yarn; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Rise in prices of cotton hank yarn can not be co-related to yarn exports since the export of hank yarn of counts upto 60s which are mostly used in the handloom sector is not permitted.

(c) In order to ensure adequate supply of yarn to handloom weavers at reasonable prices, the state sector and cooperative spinning mills had been asked to augment production of hank yarn and exercise restraint in prices. Recently Government has announced a scheme for supply of yarn to handloom weavers at millgate prices through the National Handloom Development Corporation for implementation during 1992-93. Under this scheme, 10.00 million kgs of yarn is likely to be distributed to the weavers during the year.

Retrenchment Compensation Scheme

1091. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give 45 days retrenchment compensation per every completed year of the service to the sick National Textile Corporation units' workers;

(b) whether Government have considered that sick National Textile Corporation units if sold or amalgamated with other units would give better returns or would be beneficial for the economy; and